THOMS Chief of BRITISH

By Sir Basil Thomson.

War Spies Who Posed as Salesmen.

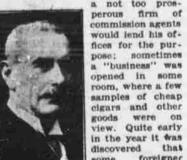
The words, "I write from 201," in a letter written in secret ink proved a successful clue to the arrest of Muller.

A large proportion of detected spies were professional musicians.

Thomson recognized the handwriting on Buschman's passport as that of Flores, a German spy instructor.

CHAPTER IX.

fices in Holland. Usually they



sending regular communications to one of these addresses in a simple secret ink and it was evident that he was the sort of person who would

I remember very well the morning Then we said, "But why were you when this sentence was shown to me. going to Spain?" There was another The postmark was Deptford. "201" burst of eloquence but no reply to I remember very well the morning a house. We rang up Deptford Po- he paused for breath he was asked, lice Station and asked for a list of "Why were you going to Spain?" At

No one was more surprised than dor in Madrid," he stout little baker when a taxi de- "Thank you. And where is the dethe stout little baker when a taxi desubject and to have been resident in in the lifebelt in my cabin."

Deptford for some years. While he That was all we wanted to the cab.

stowed away in a cardboard box. Habu's Russian Visitor.

quiry among his neighbors produced CARLY in 1915 the Germans be- a witness who remembered that a tall gan to organize spy receiving of- Russian gentleman had been visiting Hahn at frequent intervals.

His name was believed to be Muller pretended to be legitimate commercial and his address a boarding house in agencies. Sometimes one member of Bloomsbury. This limited the field of a not too pros- search. The register of every boardperous firm of ing house was scrutinized-and within Albania. commission agents a few hours the police found the name would lend his of- of Muller; the landlady of the boardcigars and other rested and brought to London

An inquiry into his past showed Quite early that he was one of those cosmopolitan, scheme for stirring up the tribes in ough Road, Brixton, and thence to a year it was roving Germans who are hotel-keepers North Africa and he was despatched lodgings in South Kensington. This in the year it was roving Germans who are hotel-keepers that in one place, commercial travellers in foreigner another. At some time they have all Senussiwho could write been motor-car agents and touts. fluent English was Hahn, on the other hand, was merely a tool.

SPY LEYTER'S CONFESSION.

find out something which might at that on a steamer bound from Rotterany time be of great use to the enemy. dam to Buenos Ayres was an Argen- Breeckow and Mrs. Lizzie Wertheim. Like all spies he was continually tine citizen named Conrad Leyter Breeckow was the son of a plano-committee money and it was hoped who was believed to be carrying dedemanding money and it was hoped who was believed to be carrying defor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time that a remittance from spatches from Berlin to the German was himself a planist. He spoke Engfor some time t about in quite another way. A letter to London. He said he was a shipping ican travelling in England for his sington and was found to be quite was intercepted in the Censorship clerk, that he had come to Europe for health. Before he left Holland he penniless.

which disclosed secret writing. It was a holiday and was now on his way was furnished with the address of When the detective arrived he said, not in the usual hand and the in-back to Buenos Ayres. He gave a long Lizzle Werthein, a German woman "What have you against me? I will criminatory words said that "C" had and rather wearisome account of his who had married a naturalized Ger- show you everything." Then he gone to Newcastle and that the writer holiday adventures in Germany and man and had thus acquired British reeled off his lesson. He was in Engwas sending the communication "from Holland and nothing could be done nationality.

until the clockwork had run down. might or might not be the number of that particular question. Whenever

namer any questions, but patient in- the blue-funnel liner Anchises, found step.

tained and sent to Egypt.

known him in former years chanced strongly on his feelings. to pass through the room and recog-nized him. "Hullo, von Gumpenberg," him and he wrote his confession After that it was useless to dissemble been involved in a scandal for which to the daughter of a rich soap manucame a vagabond adventurer.

In Constantinople he was Aide de Camp to Enver Pasha; later he at- of the Directors of the German Estached himself to Prince Wilhelm of pionage School in Antwerp that they Wied in his futile attempt to govern should have selected as a disguise for

back to Germany to serve as a trooper was bound to be discovered at once

During May and June, 1915, in

sessed of a considerable sum of odds and ends, and in France he had money, was at once accorded a warm sold picric acid, cloth and rifles. welcome. The pair hired horses from

seful. claiming that as a British subject she late hour. When they came for him "In fact, Mawruss, this here So-Every now and then doubtful per- had a right to travel where she would, in the morning he picked it up and ciety proposition is one where the When seated in my armchair Hahn sons captured at sea came to us from was not at all communicative. He far afield. In October, 1915, a board—but walked up and down the room, want you any more." He refused to professed to know nothing of "C," and ing officer in the Mediterranean, who firting a large slik handkerchief as if have his eyes bandaged and faced the was practising a new dancing rifles with a courageous smile.

When furthe pressed he refused to was examining passengers on board she was practising a new dancing rifles with a courageous smile.

When seated in my armchair Hahn sons captured at sea came to us from She declined to sit still in her chair kissed it saying, "Goodby, I shall not pleasure of keeping other people OUT is what Makes Most tickled to be in."

When furthe pressed he refused to was examining passengers on board she was practising a new dancing rifles with a courageous smile.

"Well, they shouldn't be tickled on

a man who was carrying a passport Breeckow had maintained through-believed to be forged. He was de- out that he knew no German but his assurance began to break down in the to Cairo luck was against him, loneliness of a prison cell. He had a While he was being interrogated and strong imagination and no doubt the his imagination was soaring in full thought that his female accomplice flight, a British officer who had might be betraying him worked

So paper and ink were supplied to

he cried, slapping him on the back. BUSCHMAN BADLY COACHED. Of all the spies that were convicted and he gave his name as Baron Otto and executed the man for whom I felt von Gumpenberg, and said that he most sorry was Fernando Buschman. had been Squadron Commander in He was a gentleman by birth, he had the Death's Head Hussars and had no need of money, for he was married he was arrested and imprisoned for facturer in Dresden, who had kept seven months. On his release he be- him liberally supplied with funds for his studies in aviation.

It speaks volumes for the stupidity such a man as Buschman the role of When war broke out he was called commercial traveller. The imposture mand of a troop at the front; but at merclal traveller. After a few days this moment there happened to be a he moved to lodgings in Loughborto see what he could do with the he thought was enough to fit him for moving about in England. He visited MANY MUSICIANS WERE SPIES. Portsmouth and Southampton, and from certain minute notes found among his papers it became evident about a fortnight no less than seven that his one qualification—his knowl-About the middle of 1915 we learned spectacular were Reginald Roland, turned to account; he was to be emedge of aeronautics-was not to be whose real name was Georg T. ployed as a naval spy.

HIS VIOLIN TO THE LAST. Unfortunately for him he ran short

land for the purpose of selling cheese, Breeckow, who appeared to be pos- bananas, potatoes, safety razors and

a riding school and rode in the lark Gneist, the German Consul General in ing who to invite, they didn't so during the mornings. Mrs. Werth-Rotterdam; from Col. Ostertag, the elm went to Scotland, hired a motor German Military Attache in Holland, much as say 'How about asking car and drove about the country pick- and from two persons who were the Perlmutters?'" the Station and asked for a list of "Why were you going to Spain" At the streets in their area which ran to last he could bear it no more. He two hundred and one houses. There two hundred and one houses. There you was only one—Deptford High Street "Well, if you will know, I am going the spain" and the occupant of that house had to Spain and if you want to know had to Spain and if you want to know however, so imprudent that special tried at the Westminster Guildhall on why, I am carrying a despatch to Prince Ratibor, the German Ambassa-dors beautiful and Confectioner."

elim went to Scotland, hired a motor German Military Atlache in Policia in two persons who were the Perlmutters?"

"Well, nobody expects you her questions to naval officers were, the German Secret Service. He was would get sore exactly." Abe said, tried at the Westminster Guildhall on who were taken; Breeckow's adscovered and in due course Breeckow and Mrs. Wertheim at the practically 100 per cent. of the day of the trial of the two were brought to New Scot- Old Bailey, and was sentenced to people who reads Society Notes in back room the police found a comdue codrse the despatch was found in Lizzie Werthelm, on the other hand, his removal to the Tower on the night of getting publicity for such afplete outfit for secret writing neatly the lifebelt as he said. It was quite was tough, brazen and impudent, before his execution, and played till a fairs, y'understand.

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don't want to get in, but if I thought to say, "which as long as you seem claimed. "Say! Some of them waythere was any danger of it (which to be such an expert on this here up society people in New York would there ain't), I would move out West or Four Hundred, might you could tell have the schreck of their lives if their

out West as there is in New York in the early days of every settlement, they couldn't see as far as their own other day where there is a movem and more even," Abe declared. "Which Mawruss, where some of the people sisters and brothers even." the Four Hundred idea has spread all gets so much more money than the sisters and brothers even. over the country even to places where rest of the people that they have an they've been obliged to mark the Four Hundred down to Forty on account of ought to look up to them," Abe said, Wuy?" Morris usked. the entire population not being much

HOW THE 400 STARTS.

in New York City?" Morris inquired "What do you think the members "Kloo Kluxers?" "I should know what they are!"

tion to the Four Hundred Is One That Is Puzzling Morris Till His Partner Explains.

And the Cost of a Yacht Is Another Item That Is Not Easily Covered as a Factor of Pleasure.

The Problem of Elec-

By Montague Glass.

know that they was excluded, Abe Potash observed one morning recently.

"Then I suppose the intention is that 1

"Mr. and Mrs. Sig. J. Astor entertained at dinner at the Dark Brown Room at the Ritz-Automat last evening in honor of Hattie, Countess of Stepney,"

Morris Perlmutter said, "because not only I ain't mentioned among the list of guests, but also when There was also a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Astor was consider-

the two were brought to New Scot-land Yard for interrogation. The ar-tistic temperament of Breeckow was not equal to the ordeal. His pretense of being a rich American broke down ness. After his sentence he was not chance of ever being invited to So-That was all we wanted to know. Immediately and he was aghast to separated from his violin. It was his ciety affairs. Mawruss, it would Deptford for some years. While he was all we wanted to know. Immediately and he was aghast to separated from his violin. It was his ciety affairs. Mawruss, it would was being put into the cab a search Leyter went to an interment camp, find how much the police knew about great solace through the long hours take a whole lot of the kick out of waiting. He asked for it again on the wireless was got to work and in his secret movements.

somewheres where there ain't no So- me why the whole thing was started distant relations was to show up at

"but as the rest of the people always

"And who elects them?" Morris

"What do you mean-elects them?" Abe retorted. "They don't get elect- know they are being looked down on,

"Then what do they get-a franchise from the original Four Hundred MAN, WIFE AND SIX-ASSORTED

he'd said something funny, the Four Hundred all my life, and all act like they thought it was ter- Swedes, y'understand, and as the lion." though. He never told me where he this is the first time I ever stopped to rible that they had to live in New smallest ocean steamer is five times Copyright, 1922, The Bell Syndicate, Inc.

MISCARRIED PLANS.

ed to kill Parrot.

pressed Thorne most.

ON THE "400" AND THE 110,000,000 HIS is the first time I ever stopped to consider whether the mem-

bers were elected to it, appointed to it or sentenced to it. I

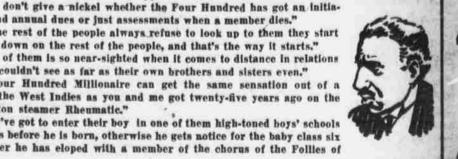
(Mourruss)

Important Events

tion fee and annual dues or just assessments when a member dies." "As the rest of the people always refuse to look up to them they start in to look down on the rest of the people, and that's the way it starts." "Most of them is so near-sighted when it comes to distance in relations

that they couldn't see as far as their own brothers and sisters even." "A Four Hundred Millionaire can get the same sensation out of a cruise in the West Indies as you and me got twenty-five years ago on the old 4,000-ton steamer Rheumatic,"

"They've got to enter their boy in one of them high-toned boys' schools six months before he is born, otherwise he gets notice for the baby class six weeks after he has eloped with a member of the chorus of the Follies of



consider whether the members were York in preference to London, y'un-HE idea of Exclusiveness, elected to it, appointed to it or senderstand, whereas the Four Hundred Mawruss, a Four Hundred millionis, Mawruss, that there tenced to it, and after I have conor of places outside of New York all try aire can get the same sensation out sidered it, Abe, I find that I don't give to give their neighbors the impression of a cruise in the West Indies as you wouldn't be no object a nickel whether the Four Hundred that it's terrible to live in a little and me got when we come over twenters.

Pertinent Comment On

which is being you?" Abe asked.

asha
"Nor any other benefits neither, so said.

excluded didn't far as I could see," Morris hastened

eight million member of the Four Hundred, do it's high toned to act like they was which is being you?" Abe asked.

"Only their neighbors!" Abc ex-

as big as the largest steam yacht, a "business" was he had lately gone to Newcastle to see opened in some friends. The search was then that when he returned, wounded, to don with a forged passport and put up the Four Hundred being exclusion was restored at a good hotel with his violin, not sive if the one opened in the west Indies as you and the whether the Four Hundred that it's terrible to live in a little and me got when we come over twenty-five years ago on the old 4.000-ton the way the Four Hundred being exclusion from the two million which makes a post of the live in a little and me got when we come over twenty-five years ago on the old 4.000-ton the way the Four Hundred being exclusion from the two million which makes a post of the live in a little and me got when we come over twenty-five years ago on the old 4.000-ton the way the Four Hundred being exclusion from the two million which makes a post of the live in a little and me got when we come over twenty-five years ago on the old 4.000-ton the way the Four Hundred act in New Samples of cheap a few hours Muller was found, articles in the West Indies as you and me got when we come over twenty-five years ago on the old 4.000-ton the way the Four Hundred act in New Samples of cheap a few hours Muller was found, articles in the west Indies as you and the west Indies as you and the west Indies as you and the west Indies as you are the west Indies as you ar **RUN NO CHANCES ON AMERICAN** ACCENT.

"I'll bet there is times when one of them Four Hundred millionaires which is having a particularly bad private yacht cruise wishes that he had been black-balled when he was put up for membership in that mehuggenels bunch," Morris observed.

"And then what troubles them Four Hundred people has got with their children doch," Abe continued. "Take the ordinary family, Mawruss, and when the children gets to be old enough, y'understand, the most trouble the parents has got getting them into school is maybe there ain't been an issue of school bonds voted on in such a long time that little Benny has got to be put in a part time class, understand me.

"But with the Four Hundred parents, Mawruss, they've got to enter their boy in one of them high-toned boys' schools six months before he is born, otherwise he is put on a waiting list and the headmaster notifies them to send the boy to the baby class six weeks after he has eloped with a member of the chorus of the 'Follies of 1945.' "

"You mean that the public schools ain't good enough for the families of the Four Hundred?" Morris asked.

"A question!" Abe exclaimed, "De you suppose them Four Hundred parents is going to run a chance of having their children getting an American accent that they couldn't shake off in after life?"

"But they're Americans, ain't they?" Morris said. "Only by birth," Abe said, "but

they get their education in schools which has got forms instead of grades and headmasters instead of princi-

"Why don't them Four Hundred parents finance Oxford University in

done with it?" Morris observed. EAST SIDERS THREATEN HAR-VARD ACCENT.

"Well, if a Four Hundred boy is careful not to make havrossa the wrong people, Mawruss, he could some of their doings, Mawruss, and way of talking in Harvard as he could "Say! There's just so much Society "Well, there always comes a time most of them is so near-sighted when in Oxford," Abe declared, "particuit comes to distance in relations that larly as I seen it in the paper the on foot among gradgawates of Har-"And do they think it's any credit yard not to let no more of the lower idea the rest of the people should to them that they should behave this classes get in there.

"It seems that quite a few young "Members of the Four Hundred fellers has been going to Harvard rerefuse to look up to them they start in think that certain things is a credit to cently from the East Side of New to look down on the rest of the people, them which would absolutely ruin York and the South End of Boston, the credit of ordinary people like you Mawruss, and they've had such an "A effect on some of the other students in looking down on people which don't Four Hundred family consisting of a that when several of them went home man, his wife and six assorted dogs to Chicago and Kansas City, for all will have a house in New York, a their parents could tell from the way house in Newport, and a house in they spoke, they might just as well Callum Beach, any one of which pools have sent them to the University of so many servants to run it that they Michigan or even, Gott soll huten,

could form a Mutual Welfare League Cornell." "All of which goes to prove, Abe," "Then there is the steam yacht Morris concluded, "that it's a tough russ, and they act accordingly," Abe "Then there is the steam yacht Morris concluded, "that it's a maid, "which you take the Four Hunhabit, Mawruss, which is practically job keeping the Four Hundred and Te That's all I know. Before Morris exclaimed. "I heard tell of dred in New York, and the members running a floating boarding bouse for from the One Hundred and Ten Mil-

You've known right along, I take it, I

too safe a place. It's hard enough to wouldn't have a chance if he were And I've got to have him inside. where I can handle him my own way -give him my own third degreehalf an hour ought to do it. I've had means back there. I'm not going to kill him-unless he dies of fright-but

I'm going to let him smell brimsto mighty close, Kane. I'll have to. You don't understand what's between us. "I can make a fair guess-now." Thorne said, sobering. It sounds to me like a case of girl. That's it, lsn't "It's near enough. that.

Don't speak of it again." Thorne was amazed at the change in the other man. Normally Lawton conveyed an impression of somethin tense and deadly; there was a hint of the crouching panther in the man's repressed strength and the smolder ing ferocity of his eyes, sheltered by the heavy, lowering brows. stark hatred fairly radiated from of it as iron reddens in the flame.

(Another Instalment Monday.)

ILLUSTRATED BY WILL B JOHNSTONE

OUTSIDE THE BARS.

LEASED to meet you," he and the tone of it and the letters banal choice of his phrase make his masquerade con- 25 vincing. The girl greeted him with a

distinct hint of aloofness in her tone, jealous of Thorne. condescension which was kindly enough, and yet somehow contrived to impress it upon Tom Kane, escaped with the Tracker. convict, that there was a vast differ-

He repressed a sudden, silly im- more, Parrot, before you pay for Dora Faulkner!" pulse to laugh. After all, it was runny. To steer clear of women for following a clue on years and years only to lose his head at the last of it, on the strength of a constat glance or two, to a girl who prison and finds that she is registered mysteriously at a hotel. He belonged by her own choice on the other side of the line which divides the just from the unjust! It might unlike the daughter of a crook. easily be his duty to "bring in" Esther Lawton one of these days. He wondered, suddenly, whether he would

do it if it came to that. "Come in, Mr. Kane," said the girl, quiety. "Father will look after you while I get rid of this car. You'll find

something to eat in"-"Couldn't we do it for you, Miss Lawton?" Thorne heard his voice with a sense of amazed disapproval. The girl stared, "Scarcely, unless ye'i're anxious to go back so soon. You've got to keep very much out of

risks? Promise?" Lawton laughed. "No risks at all,

WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY.

TIMOTHY PARROT, a crook who had committed many crimes said. His voice was husky without arrest and who has been taunting the police with anonymous

TOM THORNE, most successful detective in the Bureau-known "The Tracker. McNAMARA, also a star detective at Headquarters-somewhat

J. B. SMITH-shot in a bachelor apartment building, who makes statement to the police before he dies and requests a private talk

RAWLINGS, an alias of the Parrot, who wiped Smith out beence between him and such a convict cause he read a note reading something like this-"You can't hide hurry. from me, Timothy Parrot, anywhere under the sun . . . One year that

> LAWTON, serving time for complicity in one of the Parrot's jobs. The Tracker follows a beautiful girl who has been visiting the

> learns that Lawton has a daughter-ESTHER LAWTON, who is described as being "queenly" and

The Tracker decides to don convict garb and be confined in a cell with Lawton-to get the story. They plan an escape, are met at the road by Esther Lawton, who score of my own to settle with him-Thorne is not surprised to learn is the same beautiful girl he had fol- I'll be needing help, too."

lowed from the prison. She has clothes and a car to effect their getaway.

They smoked silently, Suddenly Law- derstand,

road. Then they went into the old house, where Lawton lighted a lamp. ton spoke. 'What are you going to do, Kane?

later, perhaps. Good-night, Dads. Be What's ahead of you, anyway?" careful, won't you? No needless for friends-well, I don't know of any He had an option on some land." Bather. Certainty or nothing. Be that would be giad to see me. They

Thorne and Lawton watched it until well, but he wouldn't have run out narrowed to pin points under the it merged into the shadows of the like the others, I think; only he eminous brows. "Rawlings was the ducked a bit ahead of my trouble.

Lawton nodded. "Who was he?" might for the present. I'll see you Got any place to go to? Any friends? Thorne slowly. "He was a good bit to find him and I'm going to find him were somewhere within eyeshot of make it probable that he had merely vance. He had me framed as hard older than me, and kind of quiet, but Thorne shrugged his shoulders. "I a good scout. We were going into a can't show up back there. I've got to real estate deal together when his keep out of sight, of course. And as trouble hit him and knocked it out words.

You know something about him?" Lawton's hands closed and his eyes name Timothy Parrot was using here, If I could find him, now-I think he'd last May. I've never been out of touch been in wrong himself and would un- with him since I was jobbed. He hasn't moved without my knowing it.

Lawton sat very still and Thorne

Lawton suspected, even now-"Rawlings?" Lawton repeated quietly. "How long ago was this, Kane?" asked. "Oh, around May—just before they

jumped me. Why? Do you know Lawton paid no heed to the quen-"What was his trouble? demanded. "What made him skip

and leave you?" Thorne shrugged his shoulders, "I He was all right, one day. Everything looked good. Then he of the Four Hundred are, anyway?" phoned me and said he'd had bad Abe asked. news and was leaving town in a lived, all along. And he apologized DOCTOR CLARKE, prison chaplain, who interviews The Tracker for it, once. He said there was some-

Lawton laughed suddenly, a fullear, hearty burst of honest mirth. Tom, your life and mine are evident y intended to overlap all along the This man Rawlings is the one No light is thrown on the woman "Dora," however, and finally who robbed your employers and saw to it that you paid the penalty; I know, you see, because I've got a rather bigger bill than yours.

> Thorne stared. "You mean that? -within a week. Want to help?"

There was one fellow that might have through and through him. He was he had been penned in a cell at Ham- that Lawton was clever enough to see even hazarded a guess that Parrot I did."

and the car moved into the night, stood by. I didn't know him very playing his risklesi card, at last. If liton, he had been able to keep his or guess that he was being watched, and helped in the escape, at which "Bu

body who had it in for him, and he enemy continually under observation, and the least suspicion of that would Lawton laughed aloud. was lying low. I guessed afterward, Thorne thought that he could guess, be enough to defeat the whole plan. "He's shaking in his shoes, right don't see why you haven't turned him that he might have been in bad with Esther Lawton had looked after that. Lawton would rather submit to re- now," he said grimly. "He'd better! up long ago." The mystery lay elsewhere. At any capture than risk putting his enemy When I get my hands on him'time within the last five years Lawton into the hands of the police. Thorne "What's the sense of rubbing could have turned Timothy Parrot was quite certain on this point. If like that out?" objected Thorne. "If get to him when he's outside. higher price than prison. He intend. and surrendering.

and that's the way it starts."

DOGS.

knows that as well as you do, Maw-

The members of the Four Hundred

Abe," Morris protested.

block of stores and flats half a mile quit right here-see?" shook me when the smash came. knew that his eyes were fairly boring his plans, nor would be tell how, while greed to play a lone hand. He feared famous Timothy Parrot. One report be afraid of what would happen when

"What's the sense of rubbing a guy

out of the upstairs girls alone.

"But there's very little satisfaction and me, Mawruss," Abe declared.

over to the vengeance of the law, he once suspected that he was being you turned him up to the bulls he'd Why hadn't he? Why had he chosen given a modified liberty to lead the get at least a thousand years on his to wait? It could only mean, thought pack to the hidden fox, he was per- own confessions. If you bump him off Thorne, that he meant to demand a fectly capable of walking out boldly he's out of reach for keeps and there's a nice little chance of the chair for After dark they risked going out ours. I'm game to go after him, all plenty of time to figure out ways and It was the last reason that im- cautiously and followed the road to a right, but I don't want any killing or I

nearer town, where they bought Lawton shrugged, "There isn't go-They spent next day in the old papers and food. Back in their refuge ing to be any killing. Kane. But I've house, untroubled by visitors. Thorne, they read the brief accounts of the got to have my chance at him-with perfectly aware that Johnny Degan escape, Lawton with amusement and my hands. You can't understand; it's and three or four of his best men were Thorne with approval. The story the something outside the job he framed keeping a careful watch on Eather warden had given to the reporters on me. Aren't you wise, yet, about Lawton, ably assisted by Mrs. Leg- was admirably calculated to reassure that? He made that play simply to gatt, the bureau's best woman oper- Lawton. It laid the blame entirely get me put away; it looked as if I'd ative, was not in the least surprised on the prisoner Kane, who was held been in on it with him, and his letter that the girl made no effort to com- responsible for having made the plan to the police, that got me nabbed, I've got a score to settle with him that municate with her father. He was and corrupted Lawton, whose record while it wasn't admitted as evidence, "A fellow named Rawlings," said nobody else can settle. I know where also aware that Bohn and Fraser heretofore had been so excellent as to of course, cooked my chances in adhis present refuge. The chief trusted yielded to the temptation of the mo- and fast as he had you. Why? Be-Thorne did not need to pretend now. The Tracker pretty far, but he was ment. The account foretold a speedy cause he knew that I was going to get "Do I?" he said, as if he growled the leaving nothing whatever to chance, recapture, and closed with a resume him mighty soon it he didn't! It was words. "Try me!"

and this additional surveillance had of the crimes for which both men had self-defense, that frame-up. He had They shook hands on it. But Law- been part of the bargain. Thorne, been imprisoned, stressing particu- plenty of reason to know I was closton would not reveal a single detail of knowing his man, would have pre- larly that of Lawton, involving the ing in on him, and plenty of reason to

"But you know where he is now